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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH BJORN OLSEN OF DANIDA POINTS REGARDING IFAD PRESIDENCY AND LOCATION EMPHASIZING, PER REF-TEL, IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO EARLY RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES.

2. OLSEN STATED DANES AGREE WITH TRADE-OFF FORMULA AND REITERATED PREFERENCE FOR ROME AS PERMANENT SITE FOR IFAD. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IF OPEC STATES AND LDC'S COME ON STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF TEHRAN THERE WOULD BE LITTLE HOPE OF OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON ANOTHER LOCATION - BUT ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW JUST HOW FIRM THOSE COUNTRIES ARE IN THEIR VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. OLSEN EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THE US WAS MAKING RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENCY AND LOCATION ISSUES A PRE-REQUISITE TO RATIFICATION BUT AGREED THAT SUCH A POSITION WOULD OBTAIN THE DANGER OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LOSING OUT ON BOTH ISSUES.

4. OLSEN STATED THAT THE NORDIC MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM WILL HOLD A ONE-DAY MEETING IN OSLO ON JANUARY 4 FROM WHICH A NORDIC/DAC POSITION ON THE PRESIDENCY AND LOCATION ISSUES SHOULD EMERGE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE UNDP MEETING IN NEW YORK LATER IN JANUARY.

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5. OLSEN STATED THAT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION ON DENMARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE IFAD WILL PROBABLY BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT IN FEBRUARY AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE ENACTED BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS IN JUNE.

6. OLSEN SAID THAT MARCH SEEMED AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR A DAC MEETING AND INDICATED THAT ANY DATE THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PREFERRED WOULD BE SUITABLE TO THE DANES.
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